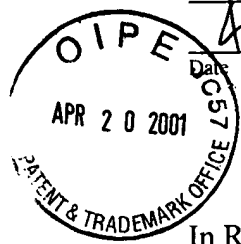


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3. a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status;
4. a Blanket Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge or Credit Deposit Account;
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$580.
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